

**Edwards: Waco Regional Airport to Receive \$8.2 Million for Runway Improvements In Addition to \$4.9 Million from Stimulus Funds Announced in March**

(Washington, D.C.) – United States Representative Chet Edwards announced today that the Waco Regional Airport will receive \$8.2 million for safety improvements at Waco Regional Airport. These funds will be distributed to the airport through the United States Department of Transportation.

“I am very pleased to see these critical transportation dollars flowing to Waco,” Edwards said. “The Waco Airport is an essential transportation hub for our region and improvements will not only create jobs in the near term, but help to sustain Waco’s economy in the future.”

Joel Martinez, Director of Aviation for the City of Waco said, "We are thankful for this additional funding. This funding will help to improve safety and increase reliability for our airport users and passengers."

The \$8.2 million will complete construction of the runway safety area at the airport, a strategic transportation point for Central Texas. The funding was made possible from federal discretionary airport grant. This project follows the \$4.9 million in stimulus funds Edwards announced in March that will rehabilitate and resurface the runways at the Waco Regional Airport bringing total federal funds to \$13.1 million.

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